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In re Application of :
Naoki TOMIYAMA : Patent Art Unit: 3682
Serial No.: 10/659,442 :
Filed: September 11, 2003 :
For: PISTON COUPLING MECHANISM, :
LOCKUP DEVICE FOR A FLUID-TYPE: :
TORQUE TRANSMISSION DEVICE, :
ELASTIC COUPLING MECHANISM :
AND SPRING INSTALLATION :
METHOD FOR AN ELASTIC COUPLING :
MECHANISM :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached reference to the Examiner's attention and request that it be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application. Thus, *no fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement.* However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

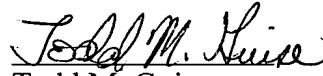
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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